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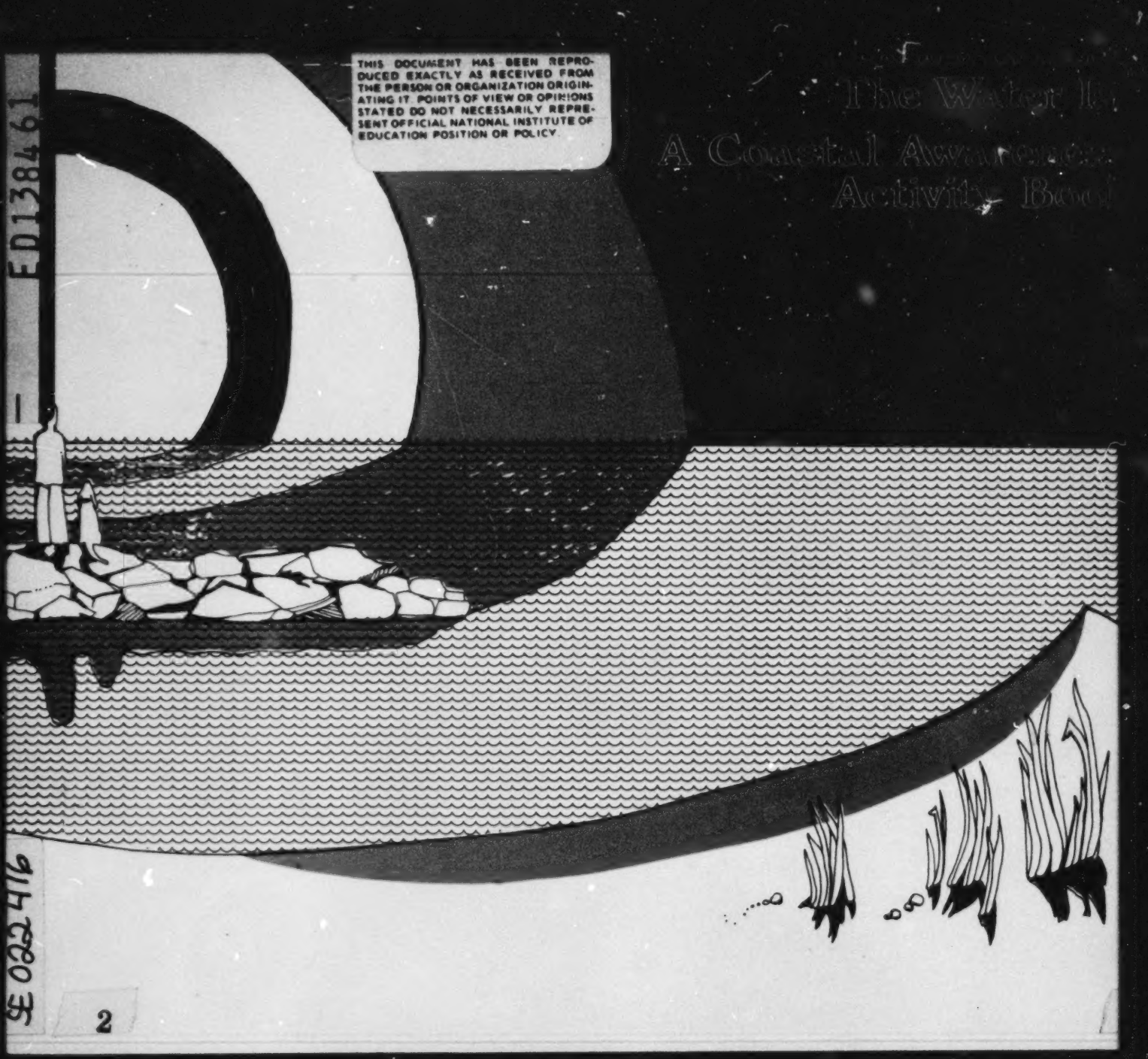

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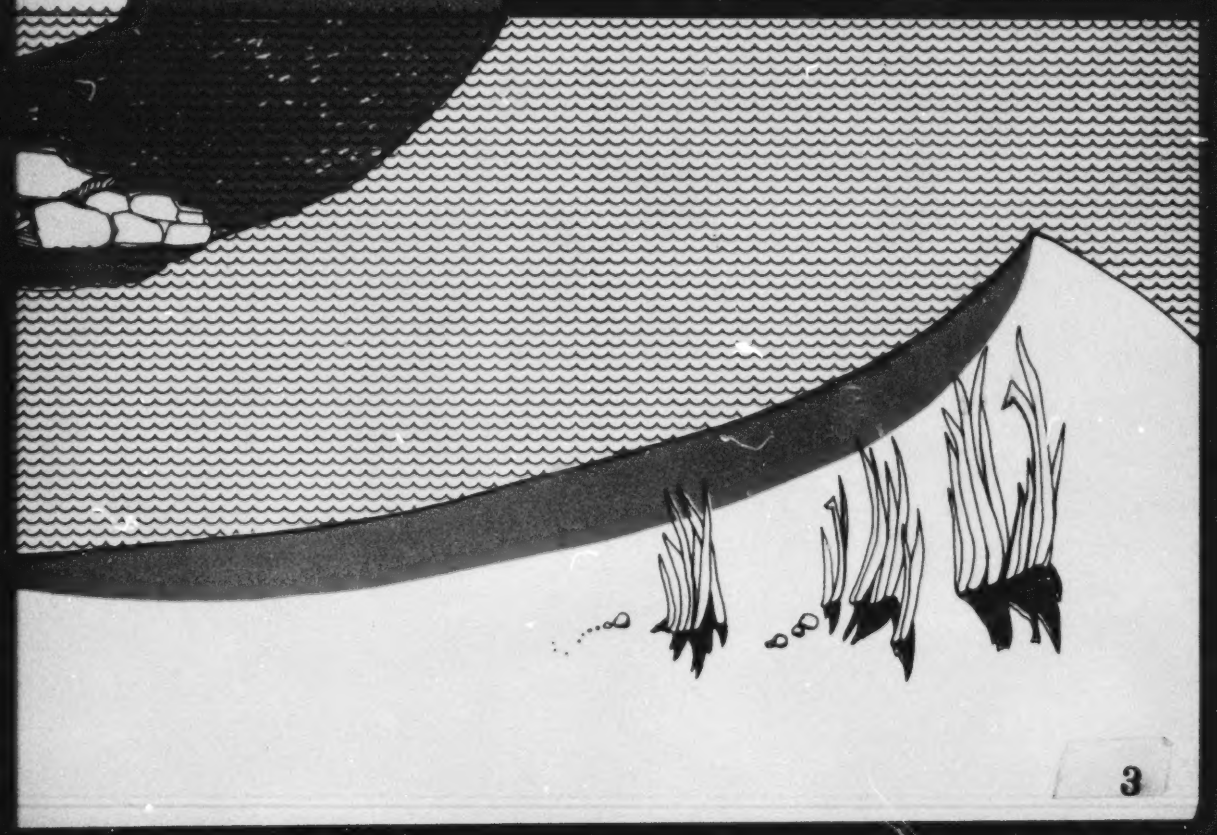

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This activity book was prepared as part of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council's public education program. The Council, in existence since 1971, has a mandate to preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, restore the coastal resources of the state for this and succeeding generations through comprehensive and coordinated long-range planning and management. The Council has broad powers to regulate activities that affect its management plan and the coastal environment.

Down Where The Water Is: A Coastal Awareness Activity Book was written to inform youngsters about the importance and use of our coastal resources. It may be employed in a variety of ways to promote discussion and an awareness of the coastal environment. Space is provided for the child to write his own story about each picture. The last two pages of the activity book contain cut-out sentences that may be pasted below their corresponding pictures. In the classroom, *Down Where The Water Is* may be used with the *Teacher's Activity Guide to Coastal Awareness* to complement existing marine-related units, or as a new activity-oriented unit in itself.

Additional copies of *Down Where The Water Is: A Coastal Awareness Activity Book* and the *Teacher's Activity Guide to Coastal Awareness* may be obtained from the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, 83 Park Street, Providence, RI 02903, Tel. (401) 277-2476.

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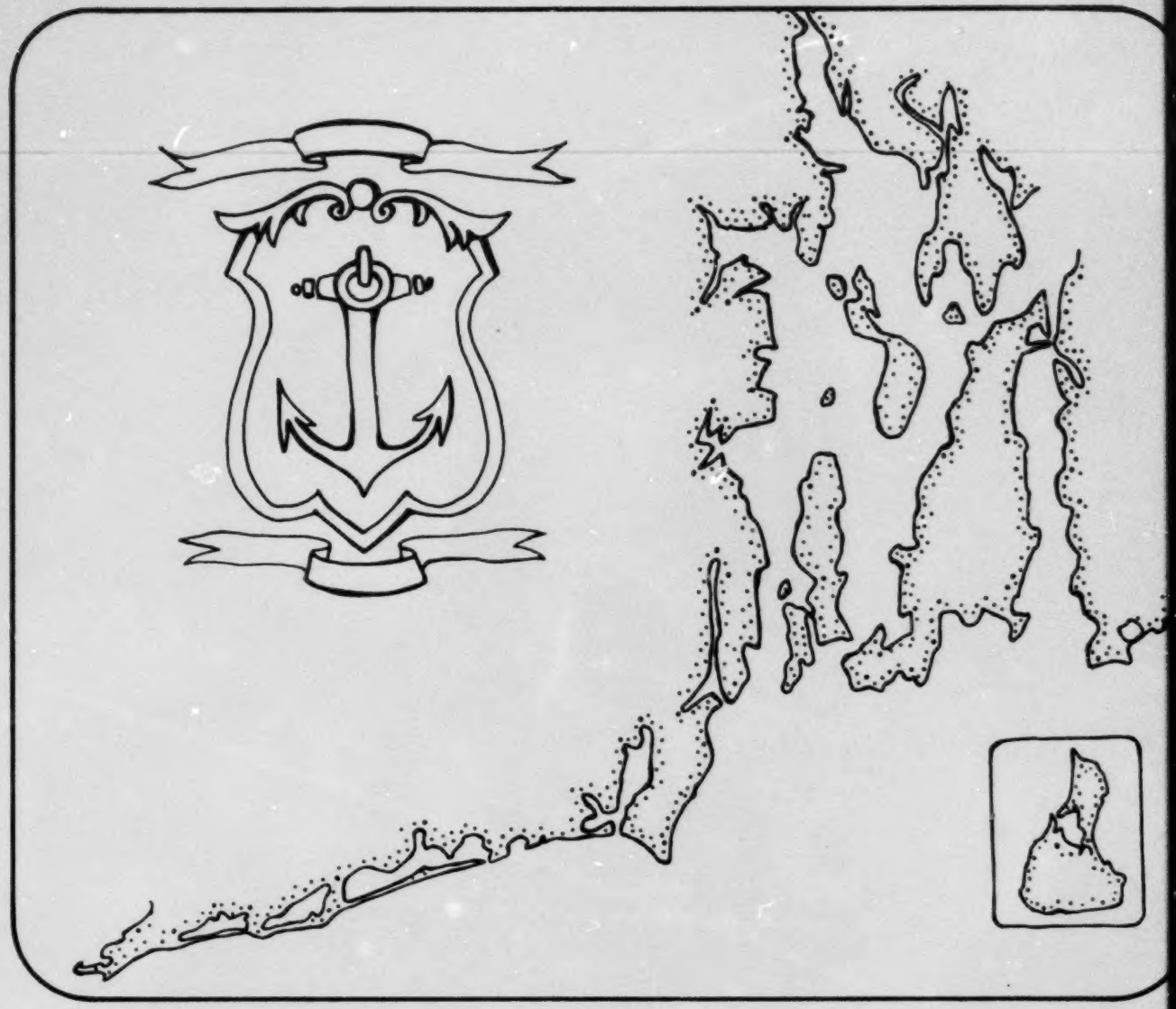

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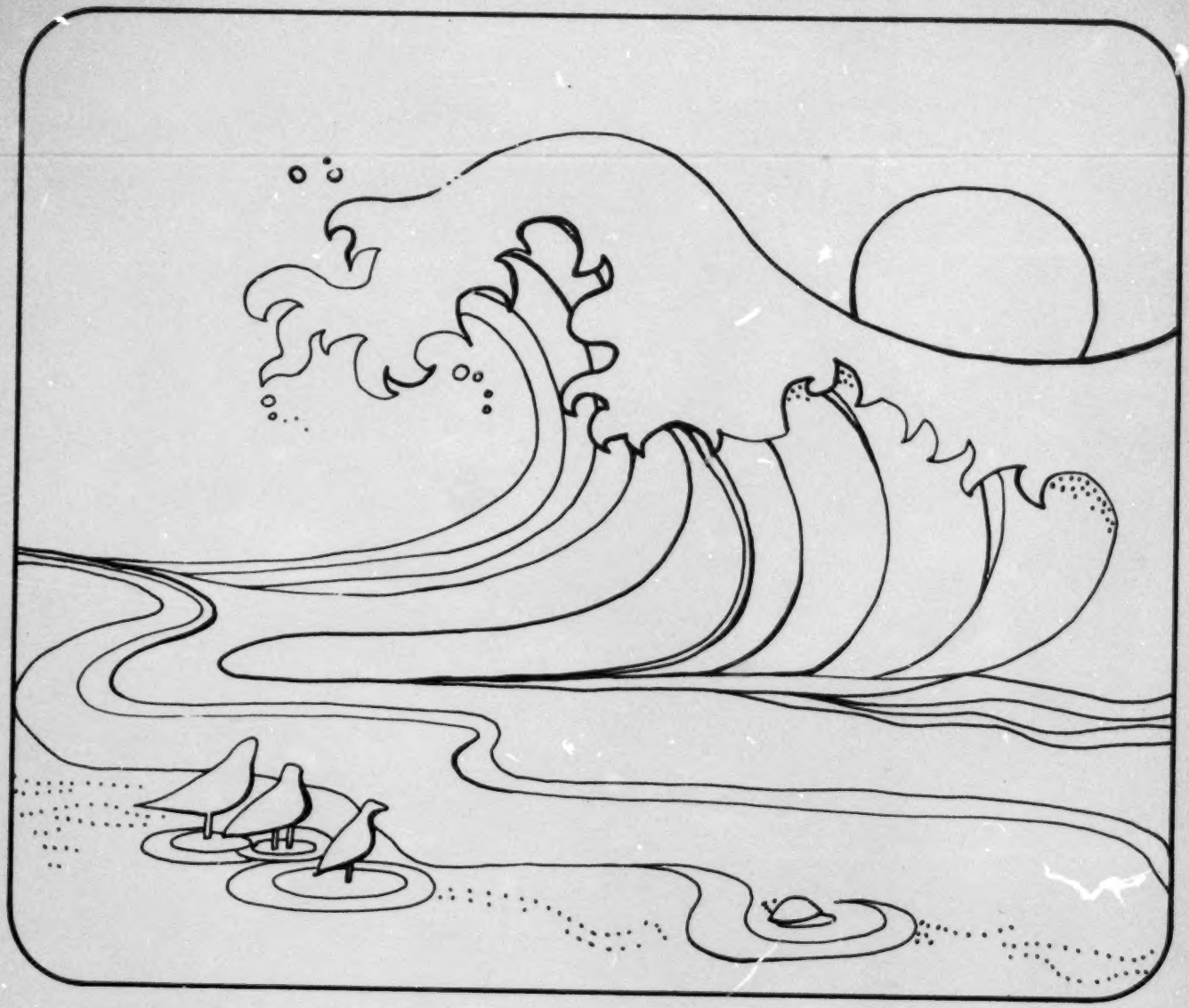

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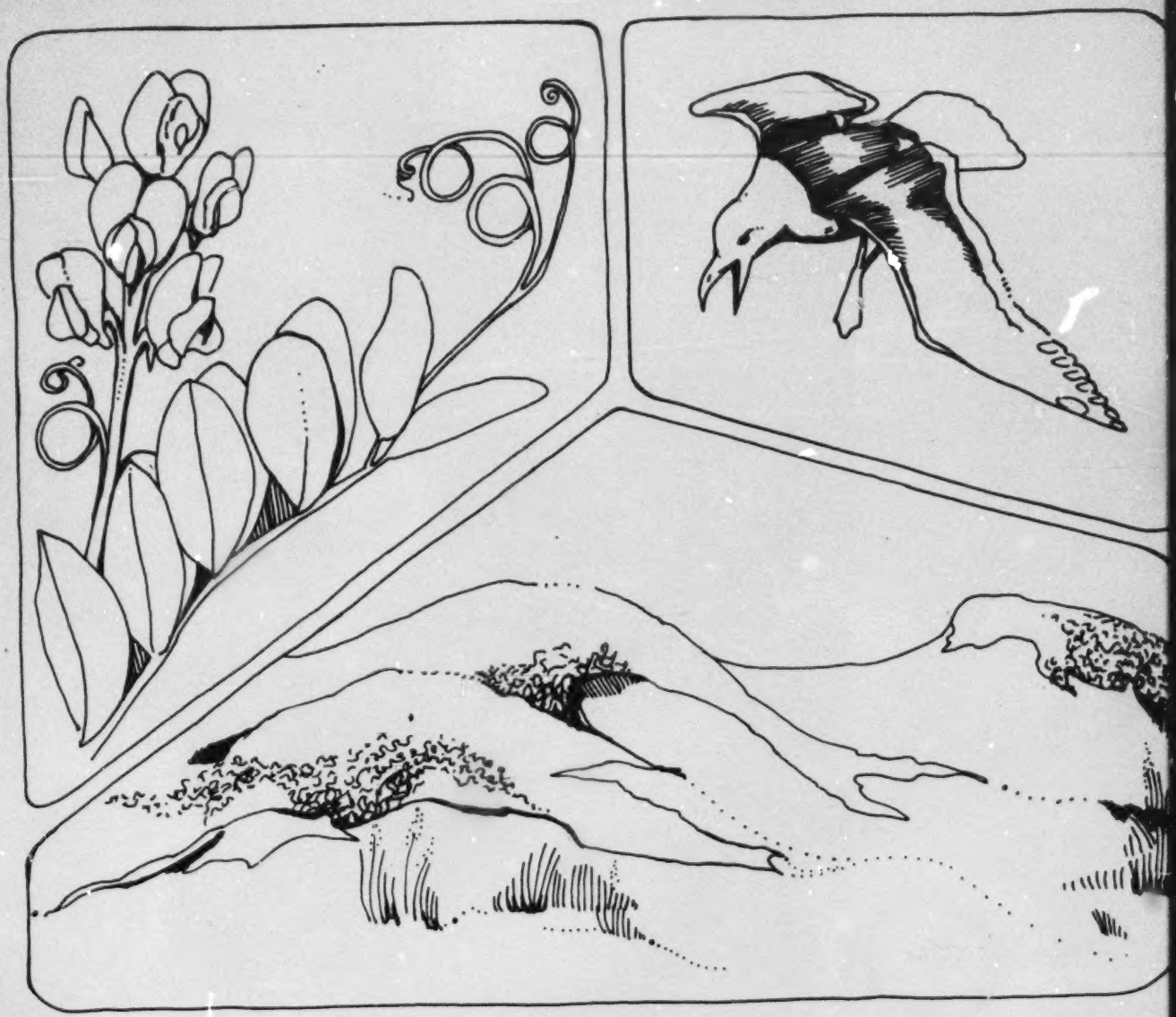

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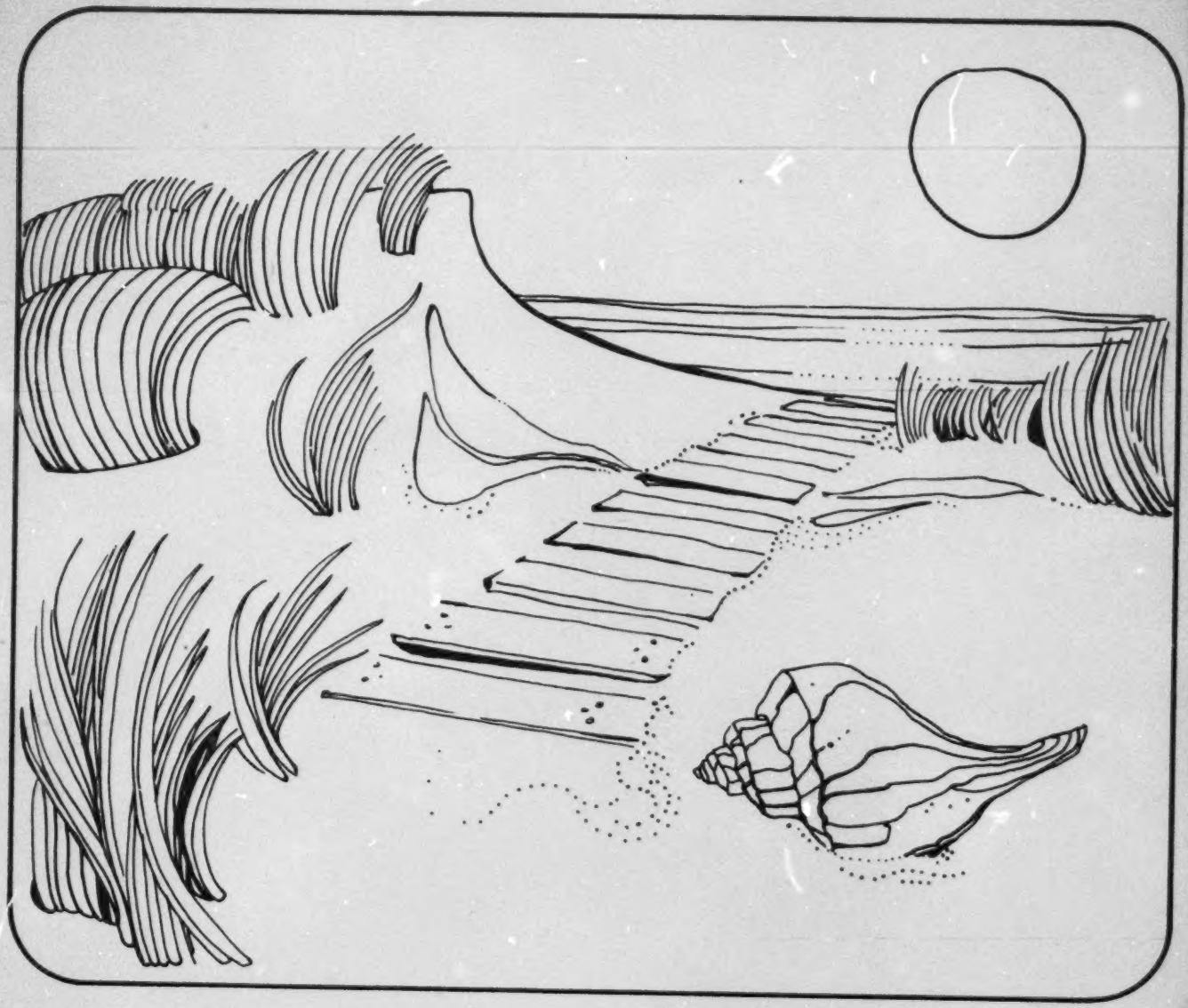

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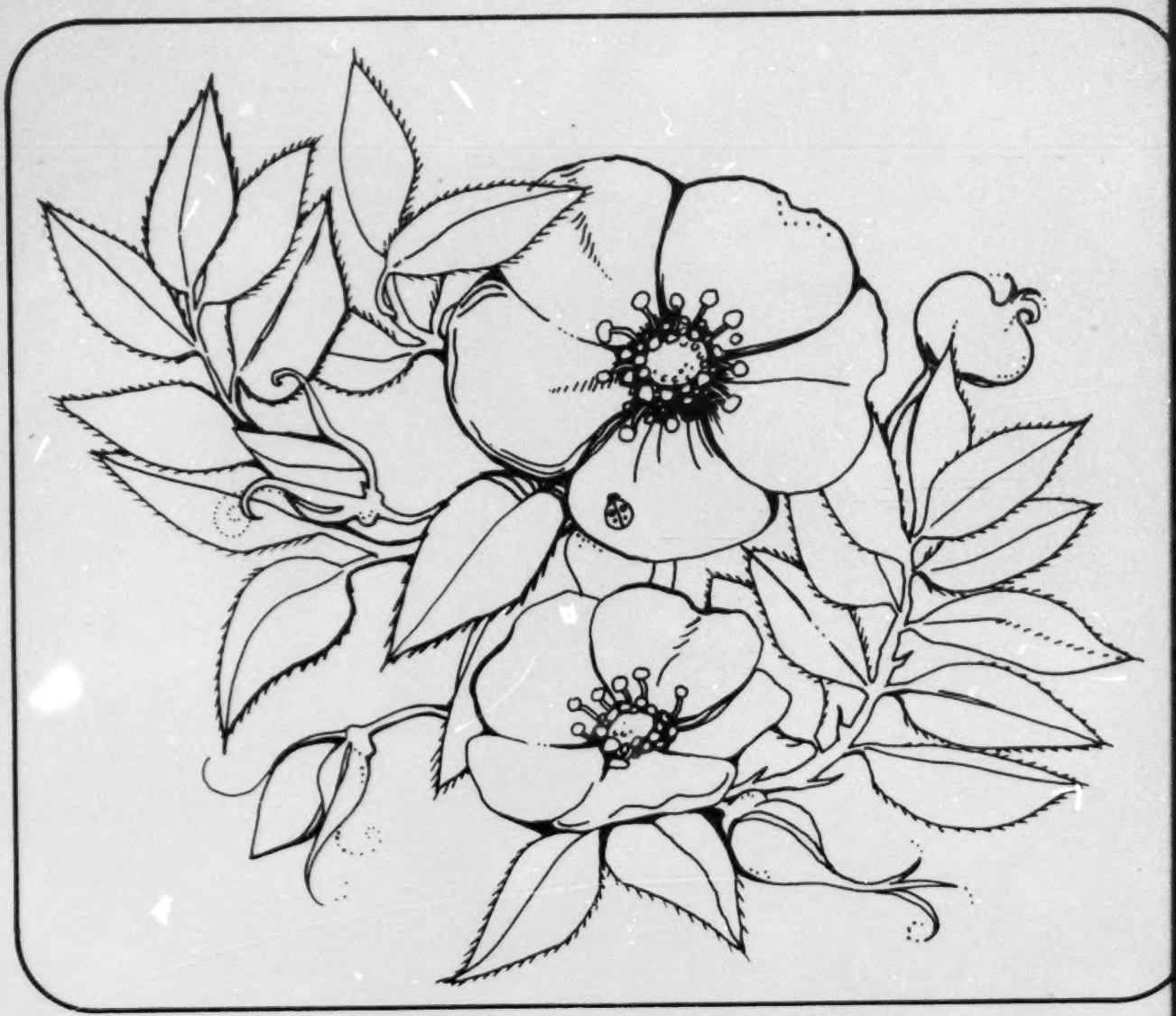

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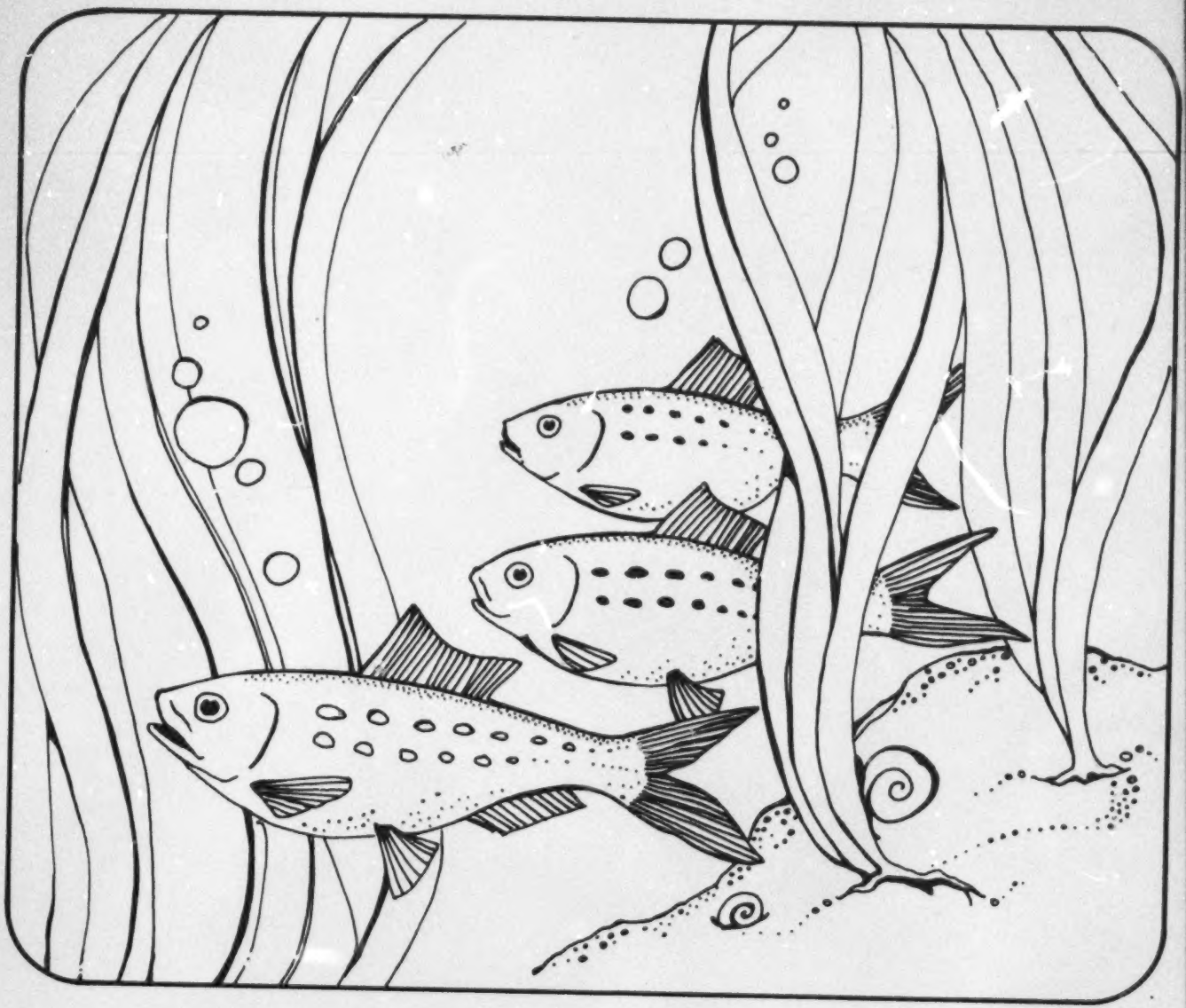

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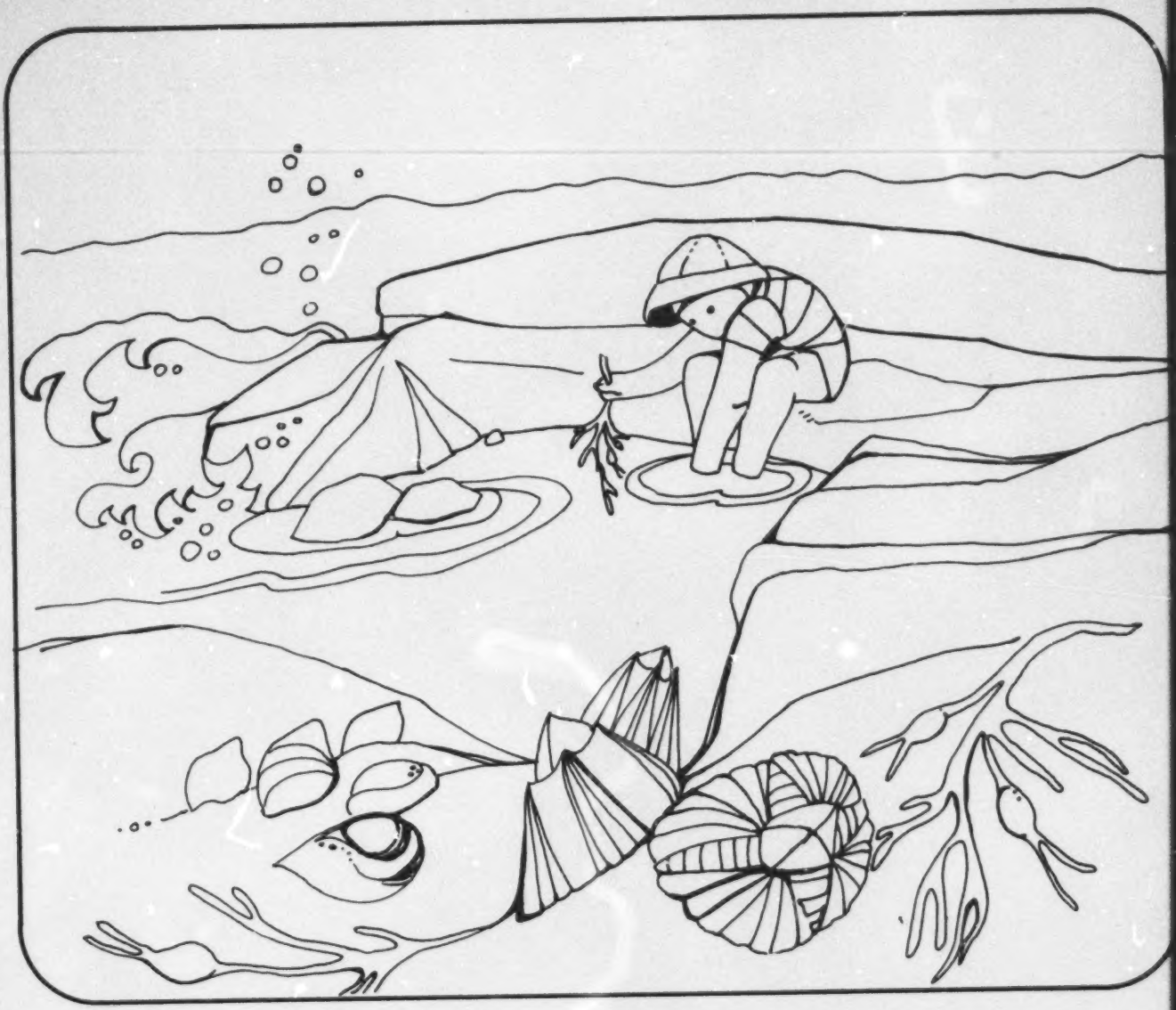

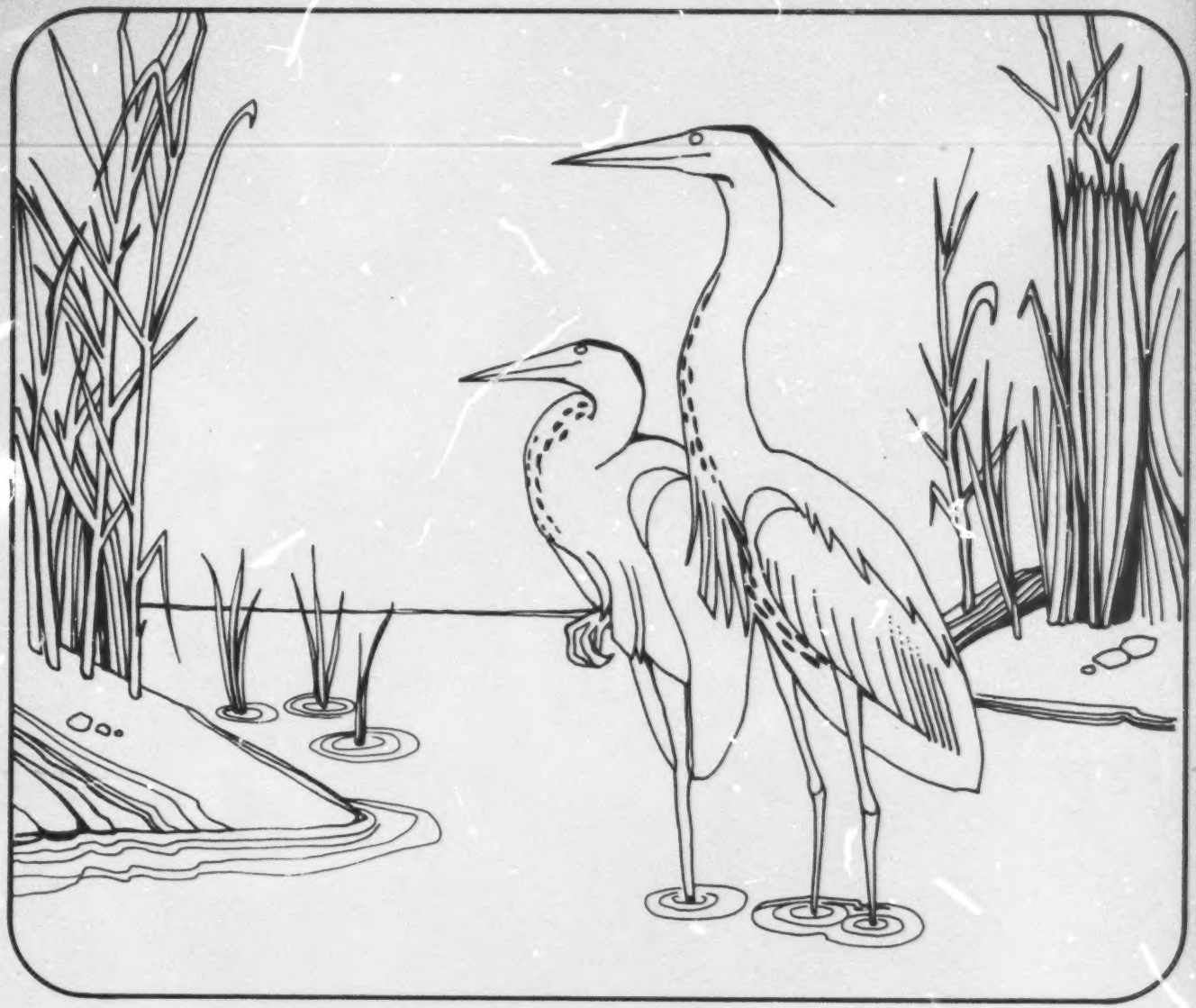

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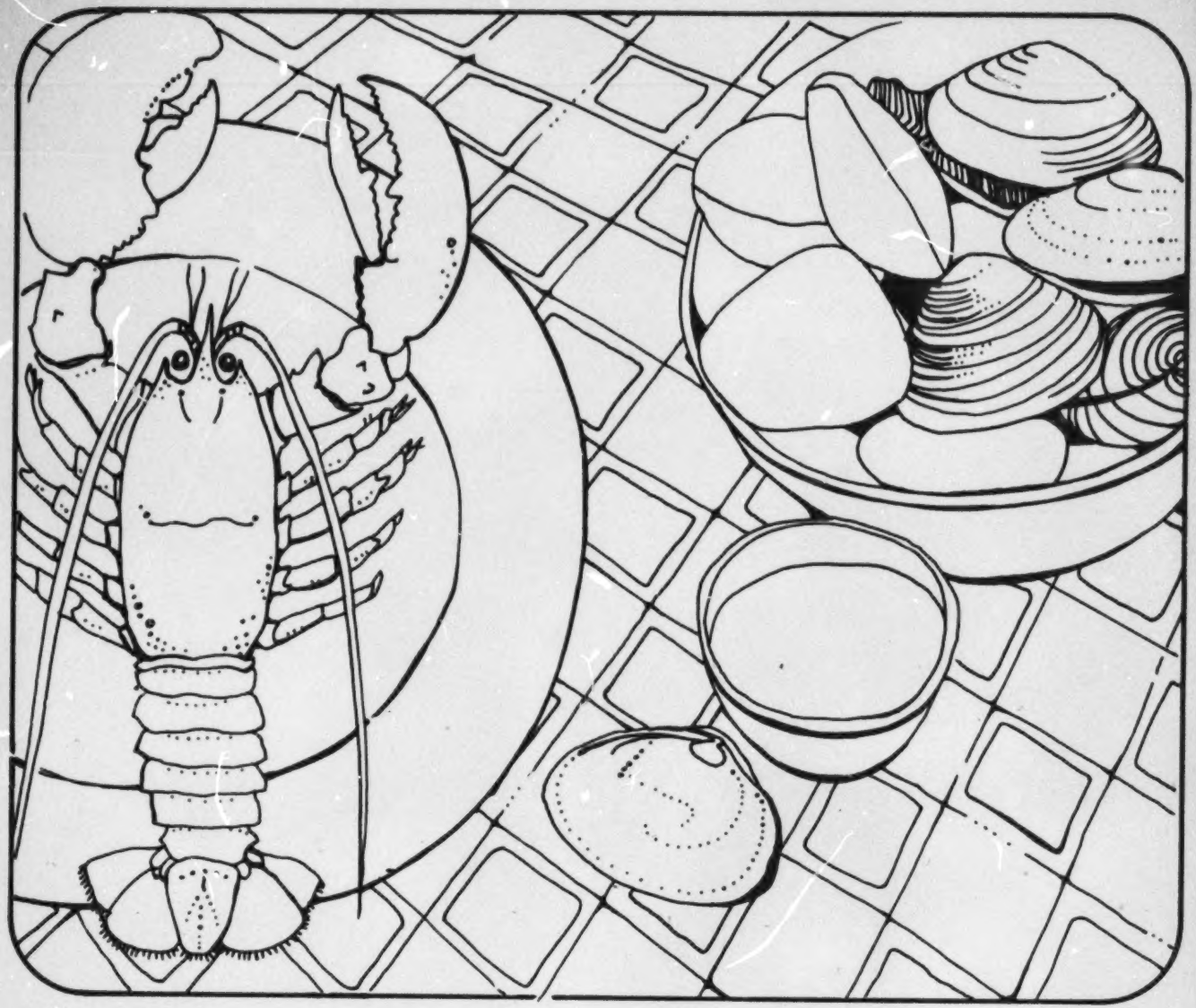

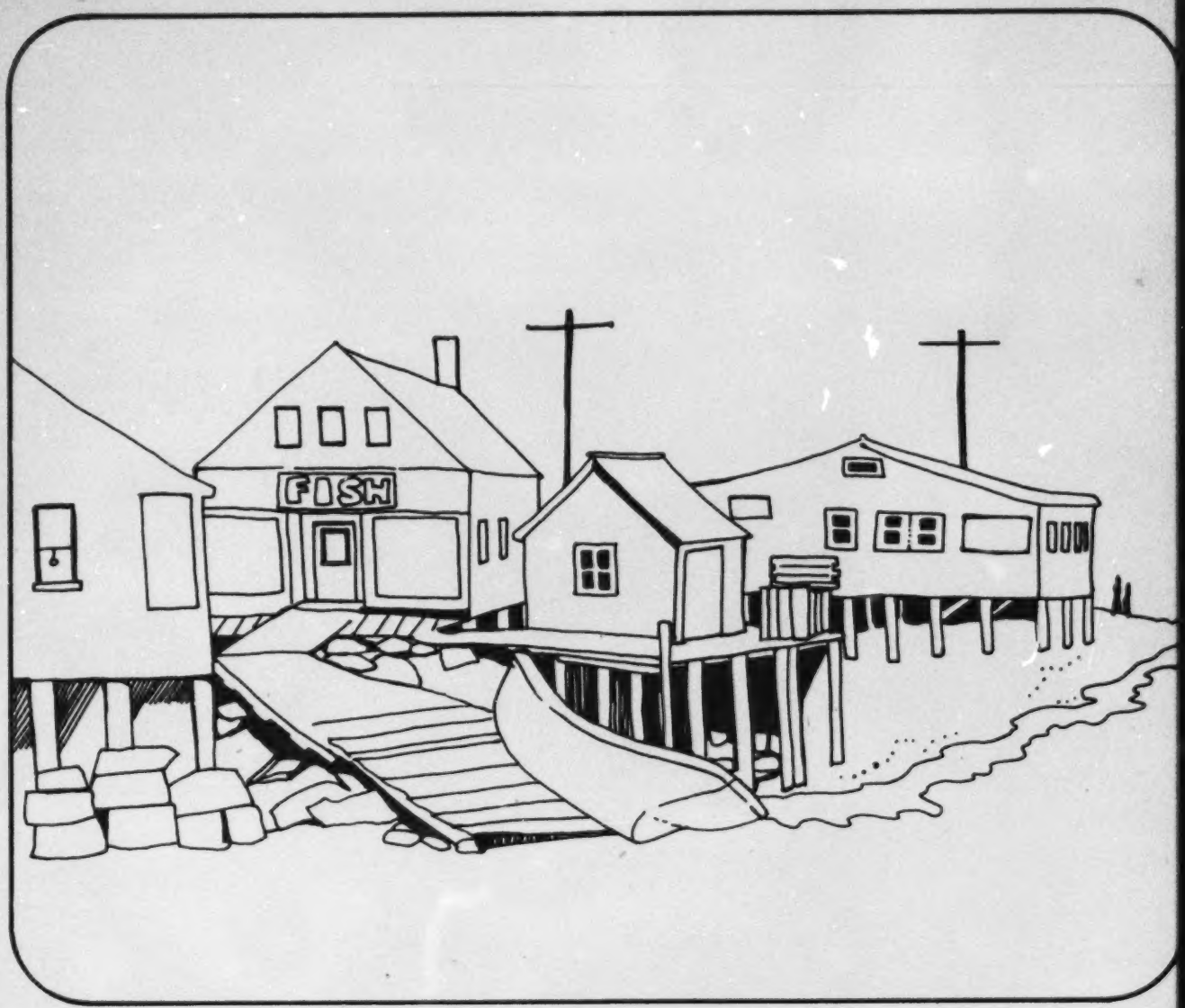

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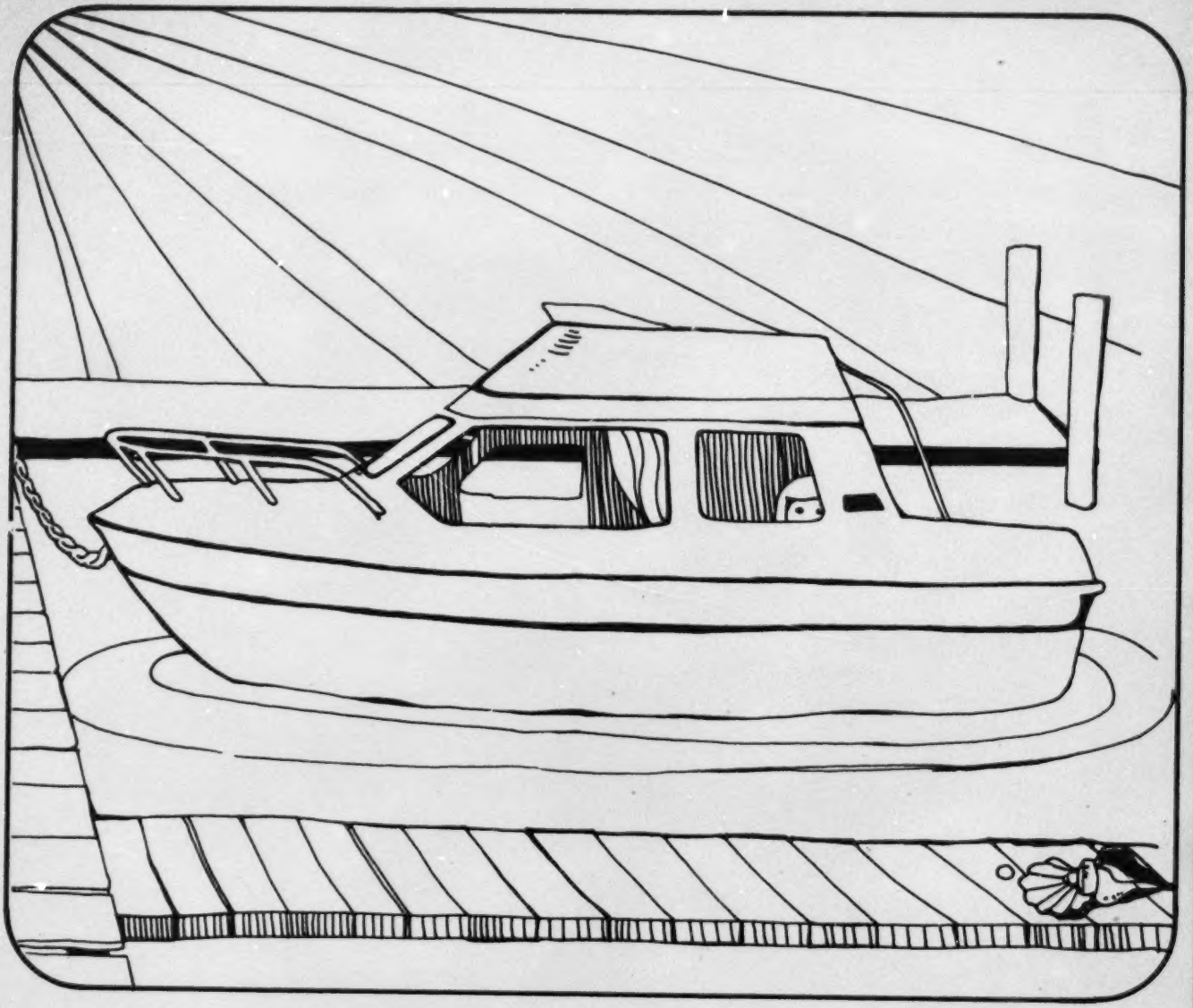

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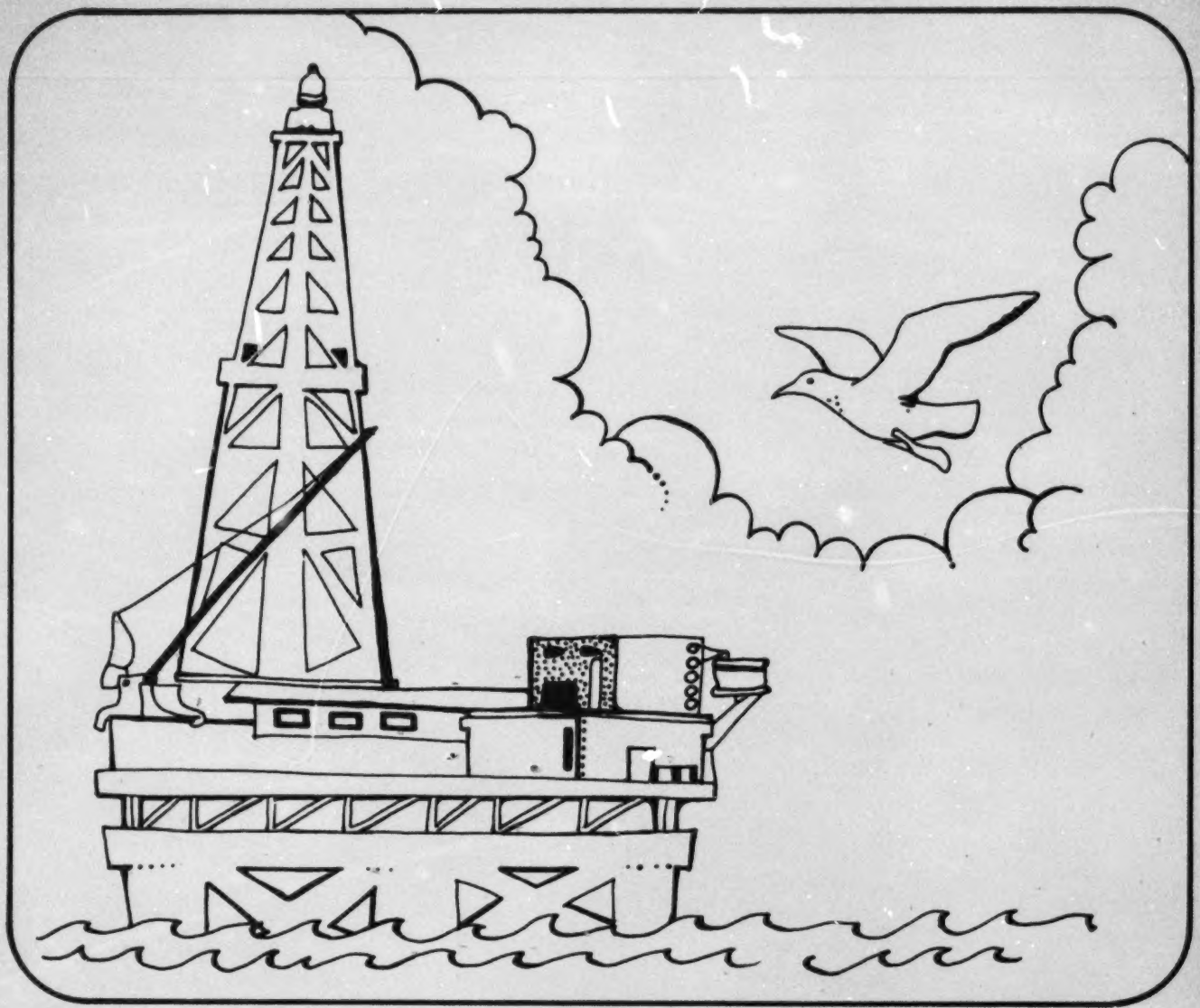

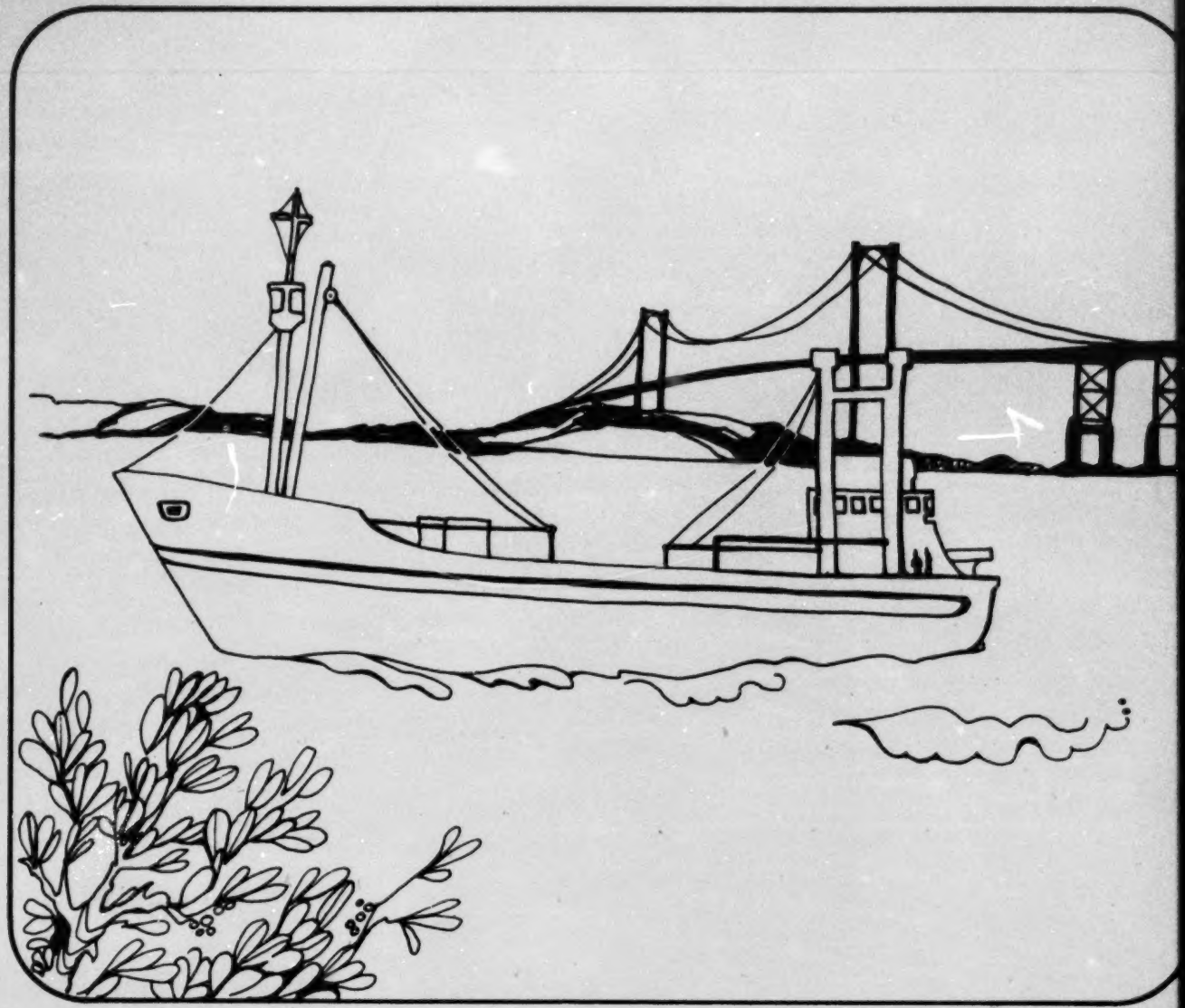

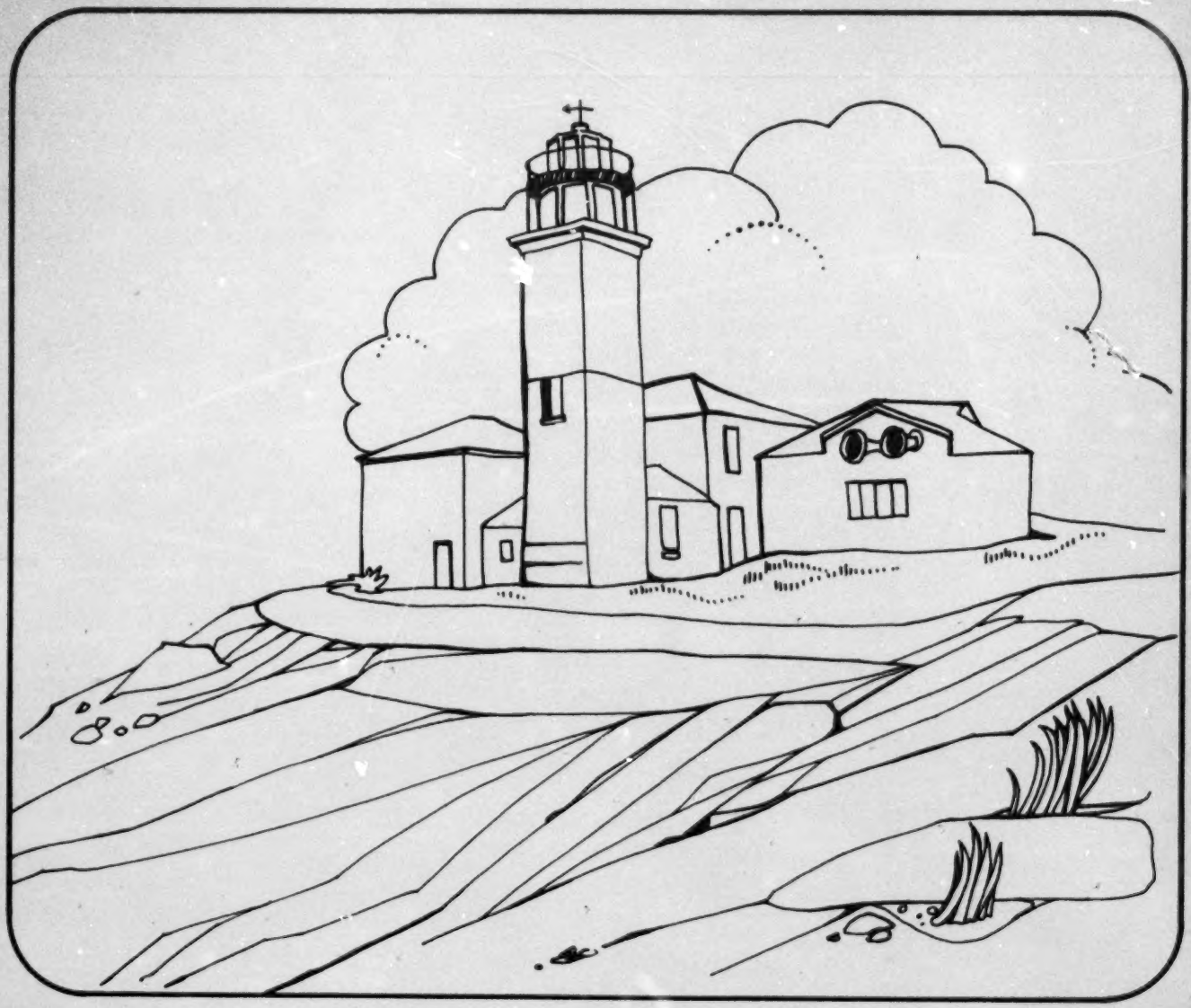

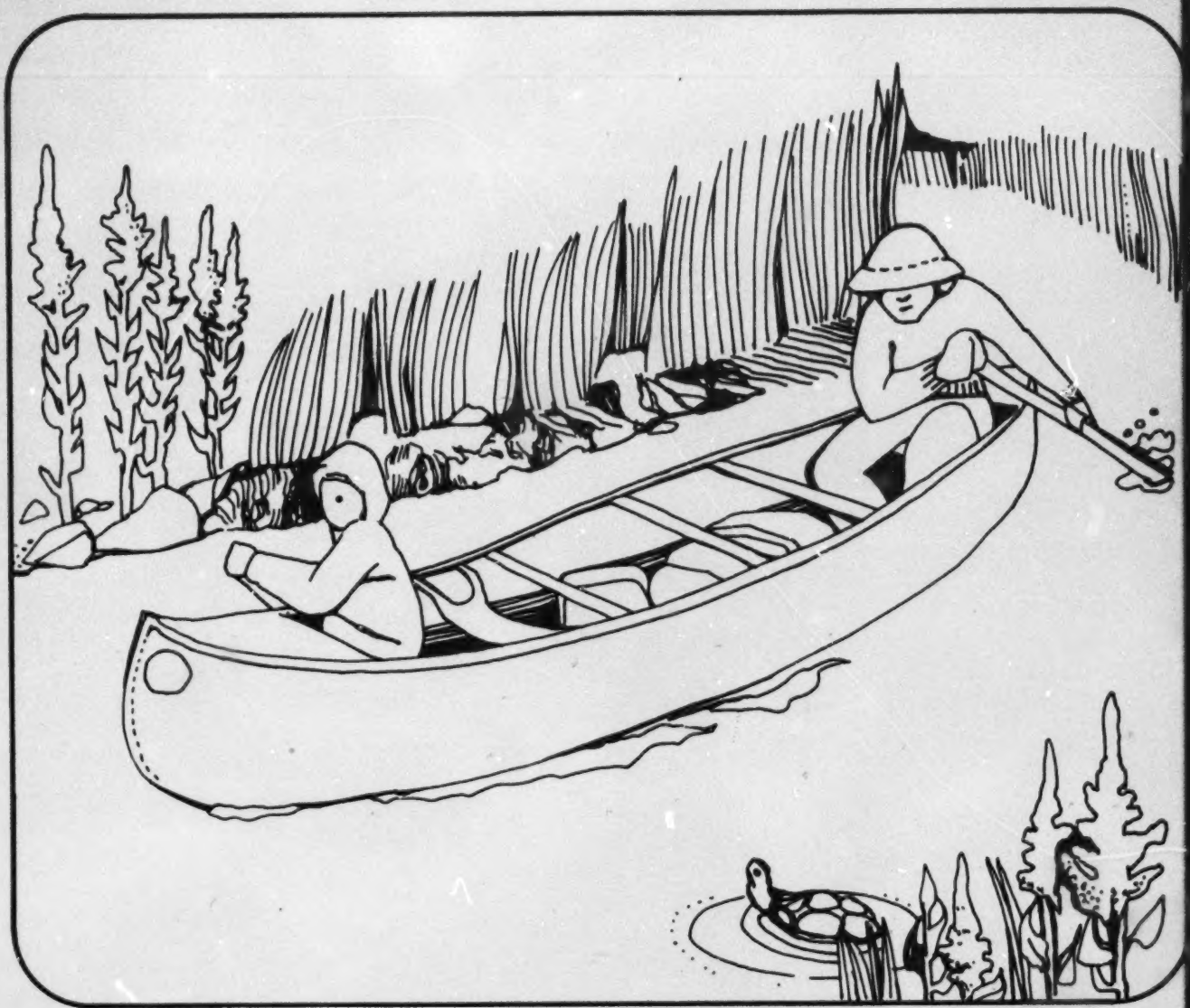

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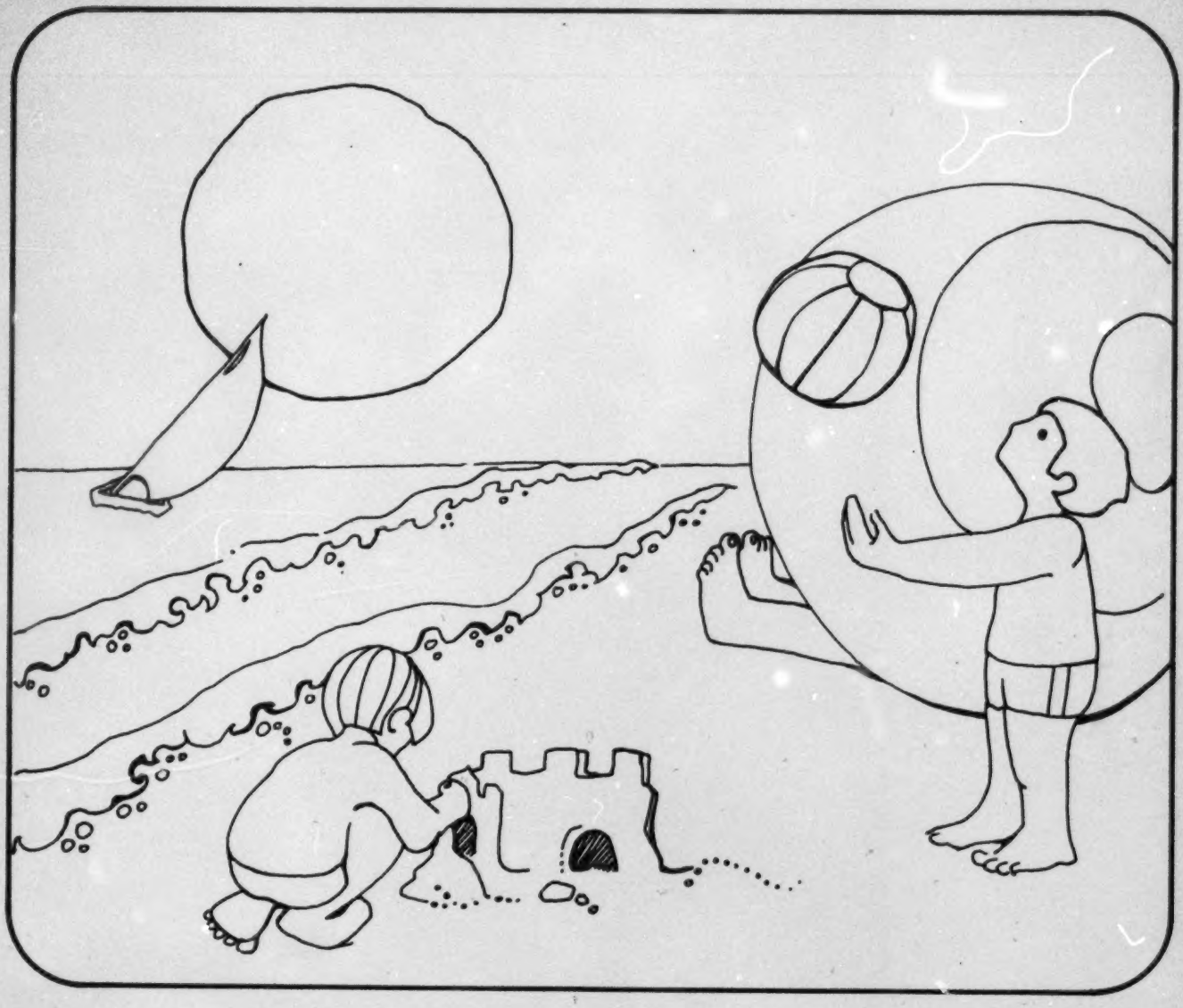

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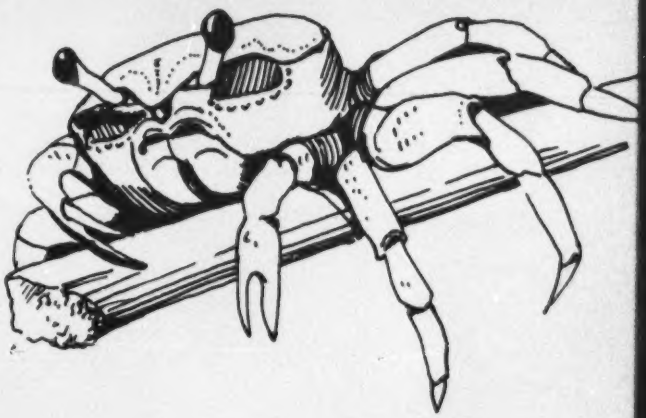

Page	Cut on the dotted lines and paste the sentences below their matching pictures.
2	Rhode Island is a state with 419 miles of beautiful shoreline.
3	The shoreline is where the land and sea meet.
4	Along our coast we find barrier beaches and dunes, rocky cliffs, coastal ponds, salt marshes, and tidal creeks. These are all coastal resources. The birds, beach grass, fish, and other plants and animals that live in or near the ocean are resources, too.
5	Beach grass grows along the beaches and helps to form sand dunes. We can help protect the dunes by walking on boardwalks or marked trails and not on the beach grass.
6	In the summer, the beautiful pink and white blossoms of the salt spray rose are seen growing in sandy places all along the shore. In the fall, the bright red rose hips become food for small wild animals and birds.
7	The eel grass that grows in sheltered waters is a home for young fish and snails.
8	A treasure chest of seaweed and creatures like the periwinkle and barnacle live in tidal pools along our rocky shores.
9	Birds like the great blue heron often feed in salt marshes. They eat the little fish and snails that live there.
10	At night racoons come to the marsh to eat clams, mussels, and fiddler crabs.

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11	People like to eat clams too. They dig for steamers and quahogs at low tide. We can't have clambakes without clams!
12	People also build houses, stores, and hotels along the shore. Sometimes they are built on stilts to keep them above the high water and big waves that come with storms.
13	Rows of docks found in marinas along the coast are safe places for people to keep their pleasure boats.
14	Commercial fishermen make their living in Narragansett Bay and the Sounds. They land their catches at Newport, Galilee, and other ports.
15	Far out in the ocean, people are exploring for oil.
16	Cargo ships and tankers travel up and down the coast carrying oil and goods from all over the world to ports like Providence and Tiverton.
17	The ships are safely guided into Narragansett Bay by lighthouses at Point Judith and Beavertail Point.
18	The coast is also a place for people to play. Canoeing, fishing, and bird-watching are favorite pastimes of many Rhode Islanders.
19	Everyone likes to swim, sunbathe, and picnic at the beach. What happens to our coast and its many resources is important to every Rhode Islander. We must all work to help protect and preserve our coast and our ocean.

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